GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:590
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2017
Re-development of Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has proposed to re-develop railway stations in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the railways has offered re-development of several railway stations with the help of foreign countries/firms and if so, the facts and details thereof;
(c) whether inviting foreign countries/firms for re-development of railway stations in the country is questionable since many indigenous companies/firms exist to provide such help;
(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
(e) the amenities proposed to be provided in such stations and the funds allocated so far for the above purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.590 BY ADV. JOICE GEORGE, SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA, SHRI KESINENI NANI, SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL AND SHRI KIRTI AZAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING RE-DEVELOPMENT OF STATIONS

(a): Yes, Madam. Indian Railways has advertised its plan to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations on 'as is where is' basis for redevelopment by inviting proposals from interested parties with their designs and business ideas. The entire cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the station.
(b): A large number of Foreign Railways have shown keen interest in the stations redevelopment program and an agreement has been signed with the French Railway (SNCF) for joint study on Renovation Concept Design of Ambala and Ludhiana stations. Korean railway has also expressed interest in the redevelopment of New Delhi Station. Governments of Belgium, Germany, China and UK have also expressed interest in the program of station redevelopment.
(c)&(d): No, Madam. Since Railways is taking up Station Redevelopment in a big way (about 400 'A-1' & 'A' category stations), cooperation with foreign countries/companies does not pose any problem to indigenous companies/firms. The companies/firms can also partner with foreign companies for adapting best International practices and technology transfer. All the station redevelopment is through open bidding process only.
(e): The facilities proposed in a redeveloped station include congestion-free non-conflicting entry/exit to the station premises, segregation of arrival/departure of passengers, adequate concourse
without overcrowding, integration of both sides of the city wherever feasible, integration with other modes of transport systems e.g. Bus, Metro, etc., user friendly international signage, well illuminated circulating area and sufficient provision for drop off, pick up and parking etc.
The cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of vacant land/air space in and around the station. Therefore, railway funds are not required for station redevelopment projects. Such projects shall generally be cost neutral to Railways.
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